

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 16, 2004, claims 1, 6 and 8 are amended, and claims 21-24 are added. Claims 1-3 and 6-15 and 21-24 are now active in this application. No new matter has been added. Claims 16-20 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 AND § 103

- I. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Minoru (JP 05-107051A).
- II. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Minoru as applied to claim 6, and Akins et al. (USPN 5,309,555).
- III. Claims 1-3, 8, 9 and 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dimsdale et al. (US 2003/0001835) and Corby, Jr. et al. (USPN 5,805,289).
- IV. Claims 1, 8 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Ritter et al. (USPN 6,363,169) and Corby, Jr. et al.
- V. In the present application, the entire area displayed in the display section is comprehensively measured by the measuring section during scanning. This is not the case in JP 05-107051A, Dimsdale et al. Ritter et al. and Corby, Jr. et al., considered alone or in combination.

Thus, to expedite prosecution, independent claims 1 and 8 are amended to delineate that the entire area displayed in the display section is comprehensively measured by the measuring section during scanning, and claim 6 is amended to depend from amended claim 1.

Thus, amended independent claims 1 and 8 are patentable over Dimsdale et al. Ritter et al. and Corby, Jr. et al., considered alone or in combination, as are dependent claims 2, 3, 6, 7 and 9-15. Consequently, the allowance of claims 1-3 and 6-15, as amended, is respectfully solicited.

NEW CLAIMS

New claims 21-24, each depending from amended claim 1, are submitted. Consequently, new dependent claims 21-24 are also patentable over Dimsdale et al. Ritter et al. and Corby, Jr. et al., considered alone or in combination. Consequently, the allowance of claims 21-24 is respectfully solicited.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is urged that the application, as now amended, overcomes the rejection of record and is in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendment and favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended, are respectfully requested. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

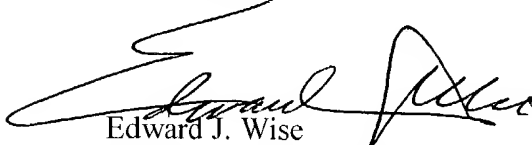
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